

in question and *M. tristis*, of which the main characteristics consist in the presence of a well-developed lobulus. Without having seen a specimen of the last-named form, I venture nevertheless to express an opinion as to its validity as a species.

*Hab.* South Australia.

### 3. Description of a new Species of *Laniarius* from Ashantee.

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(Plate V.)

Mr. Godfrey Lagden, who has recently returned from Ashantee, has presented some specimens of birds to the British Museum; amongst which is an example of the present species, a typical *Laniarius*, of the same group as *L. poliocephalus* and *L. hypopyrrhus*, &c., but differing from all in the absence of white lores, the whole of the side-face being dark slaty grey like the crown. I propose for it the name of *L. lagdeni*, after its discoverer.

#### LANIARIUS LAGDENI, sp. n. (Plate V.)

*Similis L. poliocephalo sed loris et facie laterali saturate schistaceis pileo concoloribus distinguendus.*

*Adult.* General colour above dark olive-greenish, the upper tail-coverts rather yellower and edged with bright yellow at their ends; scapulars like the back; wing-coverts black, broadly margined with bright yellow; bastard-wing and primary-coverts entirely black; quills black, externally olive-greenish, the inner secondaries broadly tipped with yellow, before which is a conspicuous subterminal shade of black; tail-feathers olive-greenish with black shafts, and tipped with yellow, more broadly on the outer feathers: head, hind neck, and upper mantle dark slaty grey, as well as the sides of the neck; lores, sides of face, cheeks, and ear-coverts a shade darker slaty grey than the crown; throat and fore neck brilliant orange, the rest of the under surface bright yellow, the orange colour gradually shading off on to the breast from the throat; under wing-coverts and axillaries bright yellow, as also the edge of the wing; quills dusky below, yellow along the inner web. Total length 10·5 inches, culmen 1·2, wing 4·55, tail 4·4, tarsus 1·35.

*Hab.* Ashantee, West Africa (*Godfrey Lagden*). Type in Brit. Mus.